



# CIVICS WORKSHEET

## STUDENT AMBASSADOR PROGRAMS

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Due date \_\_\_\_\_

As Student Ambassadors, you have a civic responsibility to familiarize yourselves with the individuals who serve your country, your state, and your community as part of our democracy. Completing this worksheet will help you represent the United States intelligently through your knowledge of our government.

The president of the United States is \_\_\_\_\_

The vice president is \_\_\_\_\_

They are from the \_\_\_\_\_ political party.

This party is known for the following traits \_\_\_\_\_

The secretary of state is \_\_\_\_\_

His/her job is to \_\_\_\_\_

My U.S. senators are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

My U.S. representative is \_\_\_\_\_

Two national issues important to me or important in my state are \_\_\_\_\_

My governor is \_\_\_\_\_

My state representative and state senator are \_\_\_\_\_

Something unique about my state is \_\_\_\_\_

An important state issue is \_\_\_\_\_

The mayor of my home town is \_\_\_\_\_

The thing I value most about being an American is \_\_\_\_\_

### The First Stanza of the U.S. National Anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner"

*Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight  
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.  
Oh, say, does that star spangled banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave?*

All Student Ambassadors should know the words to *The Star Spangled Banner*. The song was written by an American being held captive on a British warship during the battle of Fort McHenry in the War of 1812. Read the words and think about what Francis Scott Key might have been thinking during the bombardment. Why do you think it was chosen as our national anthem over songs like *America the Beautiful*?

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## “God Bless America”

*God bless America, land that I love,  
Stand beside her, and guide her  
Through the night with the light from above  
From the mountains, to the prairies,  
To the oceans, white with foam,  
God bless America, my home sweet home.*

God Bless America was frequently heard in the weeks following the attacks of 9/11/01. Why might that song have struck a chord with so many?

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## Pledge of Allegiance

*I pledge allegiance to the flag  
of the United States of America  
and to the Republic for which it stands,  
one Nation under God, indivisible,  
with liberty and justice for all.*

The U.S. Ninth Circuit Court recently ruled that because the pledge contains the words “under God,” requiring school children to recite the pledge is a violation of the U.S. Constitution’s First Amendment mandate of separation of church and state. Discuss how you feel about this, remembering that many of your friends and neighbors and other delegates may have different ideas and beliefs.

The *Pledge of Allegiance* has not always contained the words, “under God.” When and why were they added? Do you think that if the words “under God” were omitted, students should be required to say the pledge? Do you think that your parents or grandparents might feel differently? Why or why not?

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